

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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Falcon Families,

We at FCA would like to wish all our Falcon Families a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Weekend. We hope you all are able to enjoy time with friends and family. May memories be made and relationships strengthened. We look forward to seeing the smiling faces of our students as we return Monday.

Thankful – In this season of giving thanks, I would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone in our Falcon Family, our families and staff. Opening a school comes with its share of challenges and last minutes changes. Everyone has been so gracious and understanding as we work through things. Thank you all for your positivity and supportive attitudes.

Building Update – All the sod had been laid on site and most things are complete. We do not anticipate opening the fields for play until spring once everything is filled and settled. We have opened the basketball court and the other playground so our students have several places for play now. I do not anticipate needing to provide any more building updates as most of the remaining work is 'punch list' type items and working on a few systems.

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Response Time – I wanted to share that the district policy for an employee to respond to a parent is 48 hours (not including weekends). We try our best to respond within 24 hours. Please know that we all work long hours and sometimes struggle with finding balance in our lives. I do encourage our staff to find that balance and have family time as well.

Conference – This past week, I was able to take five teachers to a PLC Institute. We have stated that we will focus on three things here at FCA: Live School, Capturing Kids Hearts and PLC's. The PLC process is a continual process of looking at every student by every standard. This process takes years to learn before you get to the place where you are working the process. As we went through the conference I was extremely proud of the work our teachers have done. We still have a long way to go and a lot to learn, but our teams are ahead of where a first year school should be. This was a great conference and has already helped us move forward in this process as we strive to serve your children.

New Receptionist – When you call or volunteer the school you will see a new (but familiar) face in reception area. We are happy to introduce Mrs. Katie Richard as our new Receptionist. Mrs. Richard has been serving as the President of the PTO and has been the receptionist at Durbin Creek Elem. We also wish Mrs. Rodanhisler much success as she has accepted a position with the V.A. Hospital. We are very thankful for all the work she put into our school and how she set the tone for a welcoming environment at FCA.

Again, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Principal Allen Anderson

Important Dates

[2018-2019 FCA Calendar](#)



[2018-2019 SJCSD Calendar](#)

Wed, Nov 21th - 23rd: Thanksgiving Break

Tues, Nov 27th: 5th Red Rover Mosh Field Trip

Wed, Dec 5th: 1st Grade Field Study - Doing Dishes

Wed, Dec 5th: 5th Grade Field Study - Jimmy Sawgrass

Thurs, Dec 6th: Middle School Final Exam Window Opens

Fri, Dec 21st: Early Release @ 1:50

Dec 24 thru Jan 4th - Winter Break—YAY!

Athletics

Home Of The High Flying Falcons

[Basketball Coming Soon](#)



SJCSD Community News



Feb 2nd, 2019 Racesmith.com

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. Registration fees are as follows:

6K-\$25 before January 1, \$30 January 1-February 1, \$35 on race day

3K-\$20 before January 1, \$25 January 1-February 1, \$30 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html.

Race proceeds will support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. Last year these schools were Ocean Palms Elementary, Alice B. Landrum Middle and Valley Ridge Academy. All race registrants will receive a tech t-shirt and lots of other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative dog tag which is the fifth design in its series.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/ FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCSD, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSD became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT
EDUCATION WELCOMES:

NATA SALVATORI, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, FAAOMPT
AND
SARAH LAHEY, PhD

FOR A DISCUSSION ON:

CONCUSSION AND THE IMPACT ON LEARNING: A TEAM
APPROACH

Tuesday,
December 4,
2018,
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fullerwood Training
Center
10 Hildreth,
St. Augustine, FL

GOAL:

In an effort to provide parents of 504, Gifted, and ESE students with knowledge and understanding of head trauma and educational impact, Dr. Salvatori and Dr. Lahey from Brooks Rehabilitation will disseminate information and resources.



The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities. Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Band News



Box Tops for Education!

Our Falcon Band is collecting Box Tops for Education. Look for Box Tops on various food items. Clip and save them in a zip lock bag! Send them to Mrs. Zentz any time! Thank you

Community News

Autism Awareness

For more information please see the links below and the attached flyer.



<https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

Pokey Says



Learn to be thankful for
what you already have...while
you pursue everything you
want.